

several valuable fragments, with two or three good skeletons, there is nothing, which deserves the name, in the fullest, truest and most satisfactory sense, of a history of the Colonization of Maryland. The little, also, which has been done in the field of strictly original illustration, either by the State Government or by our Historical Society, is really so trifling as hardly to be worthy of a mention; many a son of the State is made to blush when he reflects upon so sad a decay of the historical instinct, in all classes of society; and so far has the taste for history declined, that the habit often prevails of regarding our early History in the light of a branch, merely, of Archæology. But our countryman, Geo. Peabody, whose large heart so warmly throbs in unison with the great popular movements and active enterprises of the present age, did, nevertheless, but the other day make the most liberal provision for illustrating the history even of extinct tribes and nations of North American Indians; and there remains, it is respectfully and earnestly submitted, a much higher obligation, on the part of Marylanders, to provide the means for a proper illustration of the history of their own ancestors. A State can never be really prosperous without a warm and loving sympathy for the Past. No State can be properly civilized, which has lost any of her noble traditions. No State, indeed, can be truly great which is not inspired with her proudest and best historic recollections—which has never yet been baptized in the living font of her own real History.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Baltimore, May 21, 1867.*

Which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Ritchie,

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee upon the Legislative Department.

Mr. Nicolai submitted the following order :

Ordered, That the Comptroller of Baltimore city report to this Convention the amount of fees paid by him for removed cases to Baltimore county, and to whom paid, for the years 1865 and 1866,

Which was adopted.

The Convention then resumed the consideration of the order of the day, being the Report of the Committee upon the Declaration of Rights.

The question recurred upon the following amendment to the 15th Article, submitted by Mr. Devries, viz. :